

Assembly Bill No. 2536

CHAPTER 805

An act to add and repeal Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 8660) of Part 6 of the Education Code, relating to the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2536, Poochigian. California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science.

Under existing law, the governing board of a school district is authorized to provide pupil instruction through the operation of summer school programs. Existing law provides for a California State Summer School for the Arts governed by a 15-member board of trustees.

This bill would establish the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, as a multidisciplinary mathematics and science training program that would enable pupils who have demonstrated excellence in mathematics and science to receive intensive training in these subjects. The program would be administered by the State Board of Education. The bill would prescribe requirements for the operation of the program, including, but not necessarily limited to, the period of instruction, selection of faculty, site determination, costs, and tuition. The bill would require the State Department of Education to assist the board by providing specified services relating to school district notification and registration and fee waivers and to evaluate the program.

The bill would appropriate \$1,000,000, in augmentation of a prescribed item of the Budget Act of 1998. Of this amount, \$400,000 would be for support of the State Board of Education for the administrative planning and startup costs of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, and \$600,000 would be for the initial costs of operating the summer school program.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 8660) is added to Part 6 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 3.8. CALIFORNIA STATE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

8660. (a) The California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science is hereby created to establish a multidisciplinary mathematics and science training program to enable pupils with demonstrated academic excellence in mathematics and science to receive intensive training in these subjects.

(b) The California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science shall provide a training ground for pupils who wish to study advanced mathematics or science or to pursue careers that require a high degree of mathematics or scientific training.

8661. The California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science shall be governed by the State Board of Education.

8662. (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations governing fees, applications, and admission procedures for the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, and any other procedure or operation necessary to implement the requirements of this chapter.

(b) The rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, a provision that requires a pupil to meet the criteria set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 8660 requiring pupils to have demonstrated academic excellence in mathematics and science and to meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for admission to the summer school:

(1) The pupil graduated, or will graduate, from the 8th grade at the end of the school year immediately preceding the summer school session for which he or she is applying.

(2) The pupil is currently enrolled in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

(3) The pupil graduated from high school during the school year immediately preceding the summer school session for which he or she is applying.

(c) A pupil's participation in the summer school shall not be credited toward the pupil's completion of the course of study prescribed for graduation from high school, unless the pupil's regular school of attendance tenders payment to the pupil, no later than the last day of the summer school session, for all application and other fees and expenses charged to the pupil by the summer school that would not be charged to a pupil enrolled in the public school system.

8663. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the admission of out-of-state pupils to the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science will enhance the national and international standing of the pupils who attend the summer school, and increase the revenues to the school from both tuition and contributions.

(b) Pursuant to the eligibility criteria set forth in subdivision (b) of Section 8662, pupils who are not California residents, including

residents of other countries, may be admitted to the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, not to exceed in any year 20 pupils or 5 percent of the total pupil population of the summer school, whichever is less. No admission under this subdivision shall result in the denial of admission under this chapter to a California resident who is eligible for that admission and satisfies applicable qualifications for admission.

8664. The State Board of Education shall perform the following duties:

(a) Provide for the operation and governance of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science.

(b) Appoint a person to fill the full-time, permanent, exempt position of Director of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science. The director shall employ two assistants, one for program operation and one for administration, and any other necessary staff.

(c) Develop a statewide application procedure. The procedure shall be implemented with the cooperation of the appropriate state and local agencies, including, but not limited to, school districts, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. The University of California is urged to cooperate with the development of the application procedure. The cost of the application process shall be at least partially offset by charging each applicant a fee not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20). Applicants who are unable to pay the fee shall petition the State Department of Education for a waiver, which shall be granted or denied pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8669.

(d) Maintain an advisory committee or committees to assist the board in administering the summer school.

(e) Develop the curriculum of the summer school.

(f) Establish a nonprofit foundation to develop and receive private support for the summer school.

(g) Establish a permanent endowment fund for the summer school.

(h) Exercise any other powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

8665. The State Department of Education shall assist the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science by providing the following services:

(a) Developing and administering a process for the waiver of registration or program fees pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Distribution to all school districts in the state of notices and guidelines that describe the application procedure, site of the summer school, cost of participation, criteria for admission, and other pertinent information regarding the summer school.

8666. The period of instruction for the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science shall be not less than four weeks and no more than six weeks in length. This section shall not be construed to prohibit two sessions per year, as long as the summer school commences no earlier than one week following the end of the regular school year, and concludes no later than one week prior to the commencement of the next regular school year.

8667. (a) The faculty of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science shall be selected annually, subject to the final approval of the director of the school, by the State Board of Education, upon consultation with a faculty selection panel convened by the board for that purpose. The faculty selection panel shall be composed of industry leaders and educators, selected to be broadly representative of the schools, industries, colleges, and universities located throughout the state. Members of the State Board of Education may serve on the faculty selection panel, but shall comprise no more than one-third of any faculty selection panel.

(b) The faculty shall be comprised of professors of mathematics and science, and shall not be restricted to members of the current faculty of the host institution. Each faculty member shall be chosen for his or her excellence in mathematics, science, or teaching ability. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the faculty shall not be subject to credentialing requirements or any other restrictions upon eligibility for employment generally applicable to public school instructors, except for the requirement of obtaining a certificate of clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing pursuant to Sections 44332.5, 44339, 44340, and 44341.

(c) The members of the faculty shall be paid on a contractual basis and shall not be considered as state employees.

8668. (a) The site for the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science shall be chosen for one year, or on a multiyear basis as determined by the State Board of Education based on the cost effectiveness of the proposals submitted to the board through a competitive request for proposal procedure. The criteria for selection shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Space requirements of the summer school, including residential space and appropriate facilities for all disciplines offered by the summer school.

(2) Technical, administrative, and support services available to the summer school, submitted with an appropriate budget designating donated services and the costs to the summer school of having other services provided.

(3) Materials, supplies, and equipment available for the exclusive use of the summer school. Materials or equipment that may be used by the host institution during its regular sessions either shall be purchased by the host institution, which may charge the summer

school a rental fee for the use of the materials or equipment, or purchased by the summer school, which shall charge the host institution a rental fee for the use of the materials or equipment during the institution's regular sessions.

(4) Operating funds and in-kind services.

(b) Private institutions, colleges, and universities, appropriate privately owned and operated facilities, and state facilities, including, but not limited to, facilities of the California State University and the University of California with the consent of the Board of Regents of the University of California, may be used as the site for the summer school. A regional consortium of campuses and adjacent cultural centers operated by nonprofit organizations may be considered as a single site in the selection process.

8669. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that at least 50 percent, but not more than 75 percent, of the actual costs of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science for each fiscal year would be financed by state funds beginning in the 1999–2000 fiscal year. The balance of the operating costs would be financed with fees and private support.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the State Board of Education shall set a tuition fee within a range that corresponds to actual program costs, up to but not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per session in the year 2000. The amount of this fee may be increased by the State Board of Education up to a 5 percent increase each year thereafter. The State Board of Education shall award full or partial scholarships on the basis of need and ability. Pupils who are unable to pay all or part of the fee may petition the State Board of Education for a fee reduction or waiver. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations regarding fee reduction and waivers, which shall ensure that both of the following occur:

(1) That scholarship funds are available and no talented applicant shall be denied admission solely because of inability to pay all or part of the fee.

(2) That any public announcement regarding the summer school program include notification that full scholarships are available, and information regarding the procedure for applying for a scholarship award.

(c) For pupils who are not California residents, the State Board of Education annually shall set a tuition fee that is not less than the total actual costs to the summer school of services per pupil. The total actual costs of services per pupil shall be computed each year for this purpose by dividing the amount of school expenditures for the prior fiscal year by the total pupil population for the prior year.

(d) The Foundation for the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science established pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 8664 may raise funds from the private sector that may be used by the summer school for general program operating costs,

scholarships, program augmentation, public relations, recruitment activity, or special projects. Private support may include, but not be limited to, direct grants to the summer school from private corporations or foundations, individual contributions, in-kind contributions, or fundraising benefits conducted by any entity.

8669.1. By January 1, 2003, the California Research Bureau of the California State Library shall conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science.

8669.2. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2004, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2004, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. (a) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, in augmentation of schedule (e) of Item 6110-001-0001 of Section 2.00 of Chapter 324 of the Statutes of 1998. Of this amount, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) shall be for support of the State Board of Education for the administrative planning and startup costs of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, and six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) shall be for the initial costs of operating the summer school program.

(b) Any funds appropriated by subdivision (a) that are unencumbered as of June 30, 1999, may be deposited in the endowment fund established pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 8664 of the Education Code.

